

Cook County Register

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

A NUMBER of forged drafts on the Iowa Loan and Trust Company are said to be in circulation.

CONGRESSMAN BUCKNER does not think anything will be done with the silver question this winter.

LORD DUFFERIN, the new Viceroy of India, was given a brilliant reception on his arrival at Bombay.

The latest rumor is that all negotiations between France and China looking to a settlement are off again.

The Hooking Valley coal miners' strike seems practically ended, and the old men are offering to resume work.

Oil circles in the vicinity of Bradford, Pa., are excited over a new well which produces 300 barrels an hour.

THE HOUSE sub-committee on Pensions has agreed to report an appropriation of \$50,000 for the next fiscal year.

FIVE HUNDRED Tammany braves will participate in the ceremonies attending the inauguration of President Cleveland.

REPRESENTATIVES of the press and artistic professions gave a dinner to Mrs. Patti the evening of the 13th in New York.

A HUNDRED hosiery operatives left Nottingham, England, on the 12th for America, where places had already been engaged.

GENERAL SHERIDAN will be Marshal of the day for the celebration, February 21st, of the completion of the Washington monument.

MISS MARY J. CALDWELL, a New York young lady, wants to give \$300,000 as the foundation of a fund to start a Catholic college.

A CURIOUS political complication has arisen in West Virginia as the result of the change of the time for State elections voted upon October 14th.

THE Prince of Wales will not ask Parliament for an allowance for his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, until the young man takes unto himself a wife.

WILKINSON BROTHERS, bankers, Syracuse, N. Y., closed on the 10th, and their affairs are in the hands of a receiver. They were rated high, and the failure was a surprise.

THE Flint glass workers of Pittsburgh, Pa., struck on the 10th against the twenty per cent reduction. Factories are running with apprentices, who take the places of journeymen.

EARL GRANVILLE has informed Prime Minister Ferry that English negotiations with China with a view of settling the Franco-Chinese difficulty amicably, have resulted in failure.

A MONSTER jaguar escaped from Barrett's circus at Dayton, O., on the 10th. The beast killed a great many cattle and hogs, and the people turned out and killed it after an exciting chase.

THE General Term of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, N. Y., has affirmed the sentence of death against the negro Ruggs, for the murder of Mrs. and Miss Maybree, in Queens County a year ago.

THE American Base Ball Association concluded its session at New York on the 11th. A number of important changes were made in the rules in reference to suspensions, expulsions, rain-checks, etc.

THE possession of the St. Louis (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce building was surrendered on the 10th by the Chamber of Commerce Association to the trustees of the second mortgage bond-holders.

THE Senate on the 8th confirmed Thos. A. Osborn, of Illinois, as Minister resident and Consul-General to the Argentine Republic, and John Baker, of Illinois, as Minister resident and Consul at Venezuela.

LORD CHIEF-JUSTICE COLLIERIDGE of England on the 9th sentenced Captain Dudley and Mate Stephens, of the Mignonette, to be hanged. They killed and ate the flesh of a companion while in a starving condition at sea.

A SERIES of mysterious deaths have occurred in a family named Horan at White-water, Wis., a fifth of whom has just died from poison administered by herself, after confessing that she had caused the death of the others by the same means.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has prepared a circular to take the place of all previous circulars concerning the importation of old rags, providing that no old rags shall be landed in the United States except upon thorough disinfection.

DAYTON, O., is exercised over a mysterious poisoning case in two families living in a double tenement in that city. Four persons were taken violently ill with indications of poisoning. All is theory, but suspicion points to a street-car driver.

THE condition of the laboring classes in the lumber regions of Northern Michigan is said to be most wretched. Labor among the Swedes can be had for ten cents a day with board consisting of rye bread and coffee and a meat meal three times a week.

A LETTER from General Grant was read in the Senate on the 8th respectfully but positively declining to receive a pension from the Government even if the pending bill should pass. The bill was therefore withdrawn and the committee discharged from its further consideration.

THE recent poisonings at White Sulphur Springs, Va., are found to have been perpetrated by two colored servants who had been dismissed from one of the families. They, however, mixed their poisons, giving strychnine and arsenic together, thus partially defeating their purpose.

Six persons were cremated in a burning dwelling at Trenton, a small mining village near Delano, Pa., on the 9th. Only a seven-year-old child escaped, who was dropped from a window of the burning building by the father, Frank Farrell, who returned for other members of the family and perished with them.

At the National Health Conference in Washington, D. C., on the 11th, Dr. Campbell, of Richmond, Va., stated that the death-roll among the colored population was so large as to excite the pity and commiseration of the white community. He attributed it not to a constitutional peculiarity, but to poverty.

THE Directors of the American Association of base ball clubs in a meeting at New York suspended Tony Mullane, the contract breaker, for the season of 1885, and thereupon O. P. Caylor offered the resignation of the Cincinnati club, and gave notice that they would apply for admission into the National League.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE National Association of Health Boards met at Washington, D. C., on the 10th.

The police of Cork, Ireland, on the 10th seized a number of rifles and bayonets discovered outside the city.

THE National Association of Trotting Horse Breeders met at New York on the 10th.

THE Western Nail Association met at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 10th and reaffirmed card rates.

LEAH, ABRAHAM & Co.'s cotton mill at New Orleans, closed on the 10th on account of the depression in trade.

THE Duke of Edinburgh has been appointed to command the Mediterranean squadron.

A SAN FRANCISCO woman tried to kill herself on the 10th, but, failing, she put a fatal bullet into her husband. Cause, jealousy.

THE machinery molders at Pittsburgh, Pa., have virtually accepted the fifteen per cent reduction offered in wages.

THE Congo Conference on the 10th, discussed the question of free navigation on the Niger River. Mr. Kasson, the American delegate, presented a neutrality project.

THE Virginia and Indianapolis clubs have been dropped from the American Base Ball Association. Officers elected: H. D. McKnight, President; Chris Von der Ahe, Vice-President; and W. C. Wycoff, Secretary and Treasurer.

INFORMATION was received at St. Paul, Minn., on the 10th, that a commercial traveler named Baird had been killed and robbed of \$4,500 near Golden City, British Columbia. Eddy, Hammond & Co., for whom Baird traveled, have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the murderers.

J. W. McKee, Frank H. McDonald and Charles H. Locke, all of Buffalo, N. Y., were arrested in St. Louis, Mo., on the 10th. The first named was book-keeper for a firm in Buffalo, and took away with him \$1,487.70 of his employers' money. The young men spent all but \$50, which was recovered. They were willing to return without a requisition.

AN investigation of the alleged irregularities in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury was begun in Washington on the 11th.

THREE members of the Welsh Moun-tain or Buzzard gang of outlaws in Pennsylvania, have been committed for trial.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has consented to start the machinery of the New Orleans Exposition by electricity from the White House on the 11th.

TWELVE nihilists were captured in St. Petersburg on the 11th, and important documents were seized.

THE festivities in connection with the silver jubilee of Archbishop Lynch's consecration began at Toronto, Ont., on the 11th.

JAMES L. FLINT, a member of the New York Union League Club, was arrested on the 10th on a charge of having persuaded a man to vote under another's name for Cleveland at Hetchitz, Russia, a subterranean passage leading to the tax receiver's office was discovered on the 11th.

THE military were ordered out to the scene of trouble with the strikers at Annapolis, Md., on the 11th, where a threatening condition of affairs existed.

JOHN P. HAIDEN, who resides near Littleton, W. Va., accidentally shot himself, wife and four children on the 11th, while taking a load from a gun. None were fatally injured.

THE Wilkinson Bros. failure at Syracuse, N. Y., has involved others and caused several assignments.

J. I. RUFFIN, ex-Chief of Police of Cincinnati, O., died on the 12th.

TURKISH atrocities in Macedonia are said to be increasing.

THREE lives were lost by the burning of a candy factory at Detroit, Mich., on the 12th.

THE Chinese commanders have been ordered to suspend hostilities.

THE preliminary examination of the Arkansas train robbers took place at Little Rock on the 12th.

A SON of the Bishop of Rochester, Eng., has become a Roman Catholic.

THE Oregon convicts were drowned during a storm in the Rappahannock River, Virginia, on the 12th.

EX-GOVERNOR LONG of Massachusetts gives reasons why the people of his State favor the Mexican treaty.

THE Oregon convicts tied one hand behind them and fought a duel with knives on the 12th, in which both were killed.

GENERAL BRIERE DE LESTE threatened to resign the command of Tonquin, unless he is reinforced.

THE submarine telegraph cable between Senegal and France has been completed, and the first message was sent on the 12th.

QUET has been restored among the striking miners at Angus, Ia., and the calling out of the military was premature.

THERE were 348 failures in the United States and Canada during the seven days ended the 12th, as compared with 320 the previous week.

THERE were twenty-one deaths from cholera at Paris during the week ended the 12th.

MARSHAL WRIGHT, of Cincinnati, O., used \$14,105 of the people's money in employing deputies at the October election.

THE dinner given by the Executive Committee of the New York Merchants' and Business Men's Cleveland and Hendricks Clubs on the evening of the 12th was a grand affair.

MR. FOSTER, United States Minister to Spain, met the Special Committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce appointed to receive the Spanish-American treaty on the 12th.

A HOOKING VALLEY miner, who deserted the ranks of the strikers, was made the victim of a piece of villainy. An attempt was made to blow up his house and murder his family.

BRADSTREET's weekly trade review shows no gain in the industrial situation. Holiday purchases at business centers cause an improvement in many branches of business.

GENERALA DREISS, President of the Executive Committee of the National Catholicism's Association, declares that a majority of the clergymen are in favor of the leasing of public grass lands.

THE International Monetary Commission at Rome on the 12th concluded its sittings. The proposal of America to suspend the free coinage of silver was not discussed.

At the funeral of Bastian Lepage in Paris on the 12th many English and American residents placed wreaths upon the coffin. Monsieuer, Cabanel and other artists were present at the ceremony.

LIGHTFOOT JIM GREEN, a notorious Canadian crook, just released from the Kingston Penitentiary, has joined the Salvation Army.

One hundred and twenty-six Germans have already entered the Chinese naval service.

THE Marquis of Salisbury is in feeble health, and will go abroad in the hope of being benefited by a change of scene.

ALFRED W. BEARDSLEY, of the First Michigan Volunteers, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, O., was found dead at Middlepike the morning of the 12th, 300 yards from where his wife and child lived.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Colman for Commissioner.

At the recent session of the Missouri Horticultural Society at St. Joseph the following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the Missouri Horticultural Society, in its twenty-seventh annual session, assembled at St. Joseph, does hereby present to his Excellency, Governor Cleveland, President-elect of the United States, the name of St. Louis, for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture.

Resolved, That his long experience in connection with the horticultural industry, and theoretically, his ability as a speaker and his practical and extensive experience as an executive officer, and his high character as a man and gentleman, point him out as the man of all others especially fitted to represent the country, who should receive the appointment.

Resolved, That the President of this society is hereby requested to transmit these resolutions to his Excellency, Governor Cleveland, President-elect of the United States, and as a favorable consideration of them at his hands.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. C. Evans, President; E. P. Henry, Vice-President; S. J. Goodman, Secretary; F. S. Ragan, Treasurer.

Miscellaneous Items.

Judge Buckner introduced a bill in Congress to stop the coinage of the silver dollar.

Morris Gloster, foreman of the St. Joseph gas-works, while tapping a main in front of the Saunders House a few days ago, was overpowered by escaping gas, and for several hours his recovery was despaired of.

A. R. Killum, an employee of the Hart Pioneer Nursery, of Fort Scott, Kan., was arrested in Sedalia a few days ago on a telegram from the Mayor of Fort Scott, which charged him with running off with a horse belonging to the nursery.

Killum is a resident of St. Louis and has a family there.

J. D. Johnson, the convict who set fire to Straus' shop in the Penitentiary in February last, pleaded guilty to arson and was sentenced to break in prison in the Cole County Circuit Court. Judge Edwards sentenced him to ten years in the Penitentiary for the former crime and two years for the latter. This, added to his present term, amounts to a life term.

David Taylor, who is serving a five-years' term, also received a similar sentence for participating in the same crime.

The citizens of Kansas City are horrified over the conviction of one of their number, and the confessions of others of the fact that sick cattle have habitually been slaughtered and the meat sold in that city.

The St. Louis Woman's Exchange will have quite a creditable exhibit at New Orleans.

Major Banks, Chief Supervising Examiner of Pensions at St. Louis, has received an addition to his force in the person of Mr. N. A. Seare, who came from Washington direct.

A young lady at Jefferson City has organized a cooking club. They couldn't get along without a man around, so they elected one an honorary member.

John Mason, the colored man arrested some days ago at Washington, Mo., who charged himself as Frederick, a hospital aide at Sedalia, stood an examination and was bound over to appear at the next term of the Criminal Court on a \$500 bond.

He went to jail.

At the trial of the blacksmithing firm of Tully & Kinney, St. Joseph, told in a fit of apoplexy on the street a few evenings since. He was removed to his home and died in a few hours. He was forty-three years old, and leaves a wife and two children.

A colored man in St. Louis, who claims to be 104 years of age, recently obtained a marriage license to wed a woman only forty.

Alfred Switzer, a carpenter working on the steps of St. Michael's Church, St. Louis, fell, a few days ago, through the breaking of a plank, a distance of thirty feet. His jaw was broken and he was injured internally.

Lloyd Anderson, another of the convicts who aided in the escape of Johnson and others from the Penitentiary in 1883, was arraigned in the Cole Circuit Court and pleaded not guilty. Colonel E. S. King, of St. Louis, was assigned by the Court as counsel for defendant.

Three convicts, who were bound in a freight train on the Missouri Pacific Junction the track a few nights ago at Concordia, eighteen miles from Lexington. The wreck was caused, it is supposed, by the weakening of the roadbed consequent upon the heavy loads of lumber and other merchandise was ruined and one or two of the crew were more or less hurt.

The well-dressed body of an unknown man was found a few days ago between two haystacks, on the farm of Mrs. Mordant, a long communication to the President, in support of the proposed new Spanish-American commercial treaty. After detailing the advantages to be secured to our shipping, by the reciprocal abolition of tonnage dues, the abolition of consular fees, and the important concessions for our agricultural products and manufacturing goods, the Secretary says he can not doubt that the treaty will work immediate benefit to our citizens, our trade and our revenue. The loss of revenue which a reduction of the sugar and tobacco duties involves harmonizes with the policy which placed coffee and other products on the free list. With the enlarged demand in Cuba and Porto Rico for the articles which we are, by this treaty, enabled to supply under favorable conditions, a commercial movement toward the Antilles from our shores must spring up, which will tend to equalize the present inequality of trade between them.

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THE COACHMAN'S BRIDE.

Complications Growing Out of Attempts to Separate Victoria Huelkamp and Her Husband—An Actor's Failure at Intrigue and a Newspaper Threatened With a Libel Suit.

New York, December 11.

Victoria Schelling-Huelkamp, having been annoyed by Frederick Mordant, alias Maurice A. Schwab, has placed the case in the hands of her attorney, John E. Burke, of No. 155 Broadway, and he will also be brought against the *Mail and Express* for libel, the grounds being the publication of an interview with Mordant, accusing Mme. Huelkamp of being a blackmailer.

The interview with Mordant was a black-mailer, the paper having refused to make a correction. The interview with Mordant was to the effect that Mme. Huelkamp had asked him to make a bogus contract that she might show to her father, and so secure \$25,000 on condition that she would not go on the stage. Letters written by Mordant to a lady on West Twenty-eighth street, and to another living on West Forty-eighth street, are in Mr. Burke's possession, and by means of these and verbal testimony he says he can prove that Mordant tried to get one of the ladies referred to in his power, intending to separate Mme. Huelkamp and her husband and to secure a reward from Mr. Morosini. Mr. Burke says the plan was to have a certain young lady

MAKE VIOLENT LOVE TO KENNET, while Mordant looked after Mme. Huelkamp. Failing in his purpose he made the statement to the *Mail and Express* that it was Mme. Huelkamp's intention to blackmail her father. The only conclusion that Mr. Burke could draw from the fact that the paper refused to insert a correction was that the intimacy between Mr. Cyrus W. Field, the owner of the paper, and Mr. Morosini was close enough to prevent the publication of anything detrimental to Mordant's position in the employ of Mr. Morosini. The lady on Twenty-eighth street, whom it is alleged Mordant tried to use as a tool in his attempt to separate Victoria and Ernest, received the following letter from Mordant:

"DEAR BERTIE—It is impossible for me to get there at four o'clock Saturday, as I did not expect the surrogate's office until 4:15. Therefore, I am positive that when I see you personally and explain why you will pardon the breach. Now, Ernest, I must see you this afternoon or evening, say. I am on a piece of work in which there is

VERY BIG MONEY, and I need the assistance of a true, loyal, smart woman, such as you are. There are big money made for you. This is our business. I assure you that the plan experience has fully taught me to avoid all and everything where there is even a shadow of a risk. Should you have any other engagements to break them, but at all hazards meet me here.

Mordant then turned his attention to the West Forty-eighth street lady, to whom he had written, and told her that he had a plan to play the part of Marlow's avenger, who told her to add to his list in the care of "Mordant, No. 39 East Fifth street." Mordant's character became known to the lady also, but she refused to see him long, and

his proposals were rejected.

When his interview was published in the *Mail and Express* these ladies communicated with Mme. Huelkamp's lawyer, and furnished him with the letters that Mordant had written, and told the story of his plans. One of the letters to the lady on West Twenty-eighth street was signed "Schwab."

M. Huelkamp said yesterday: "My husband and I have been satisfied ourselves that Mordant is the man who was sent to the Penitentiary, and I learn that he had just been released when he attempted to make money out of us. We are continually hearing of all the things he says of us, and as the *Mail and Express* refuses to retract, we will sue the paper for damages, and Mordant will cry out. We would begin the case at once, but I am sick with a terrible sore throat, and have had to cancel three engagements on that account. I must get before the Editorial Board on Friday, and it may be a week before we can take any steps."

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CRIME IN GOTHAM.

Ladies Assaulted and Robbed On Public Thoroughfare—Flinchy Resistance By a Millionaire Widow to an Assault by Three Robbers—No Police Where Police Ought to Be.

New York, December 11.

Mrs. William Humphrey, the California widow whose husband was connected with the Big Bonanza, and who estimates her wealth at millions, was attacked and almost garroted in West Thirtieth street to-day. Her reticule, containing \$500 in checks and as much more cash, was snatched from her hand and ripped apart, but owing to the lady's heroism and the ready assistance of several other ladies and gentlemen passing by, she lost only \$70. At noon Mrs. Humphrey left her residence to catch a train, and to some shopping, placing her cash and checks in her reticule. She first went to Macy's and purchased several small presents for Christmas, and cashed \$500 of checks. It was then her intention to go to Tiffany's, but noticing

THREE YOUNG MEN keeping close to her and suspecting that they had seen her cash her check, she returned to Macy's, but when she again came out the men were at her heels. Mrs. Humphrey then hurried across town. When she crossed Seventh avenue the first man came near to her and reached her reticule, and she was saying in an inquiring tone of voice: "I believe this is Thirtieth street?"

"It is," Mrs. Humphrey replied, calmly, "and you and your friends behind had better pass along." Without another word the desperado threw the lady against the iron railing of one of the houses and said: "Let go that bag or I'll

BEAT YOUR BRAINS OUT on the railing." Mrs. Humphrey shot out her right arm, and the villain by the collar while she clung to her reticule with the other. The other two men then sprang forward and bent the lady backward over the railing, while she screamed for assistance and clung to the reticule. The side from which the lady's handkerchief protruded was towards the men, the reticule was torn in half, and the money was scattered. The handkerchief side and fled. The other two men fought, and the lady held the other side of the bag. Several gentlemen who had noticed the garroting rushed up. Thirtieth street. A crowd also stopped and two ladies sprang out, just as

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